

NUMBERS

Today: Chapter 22-24

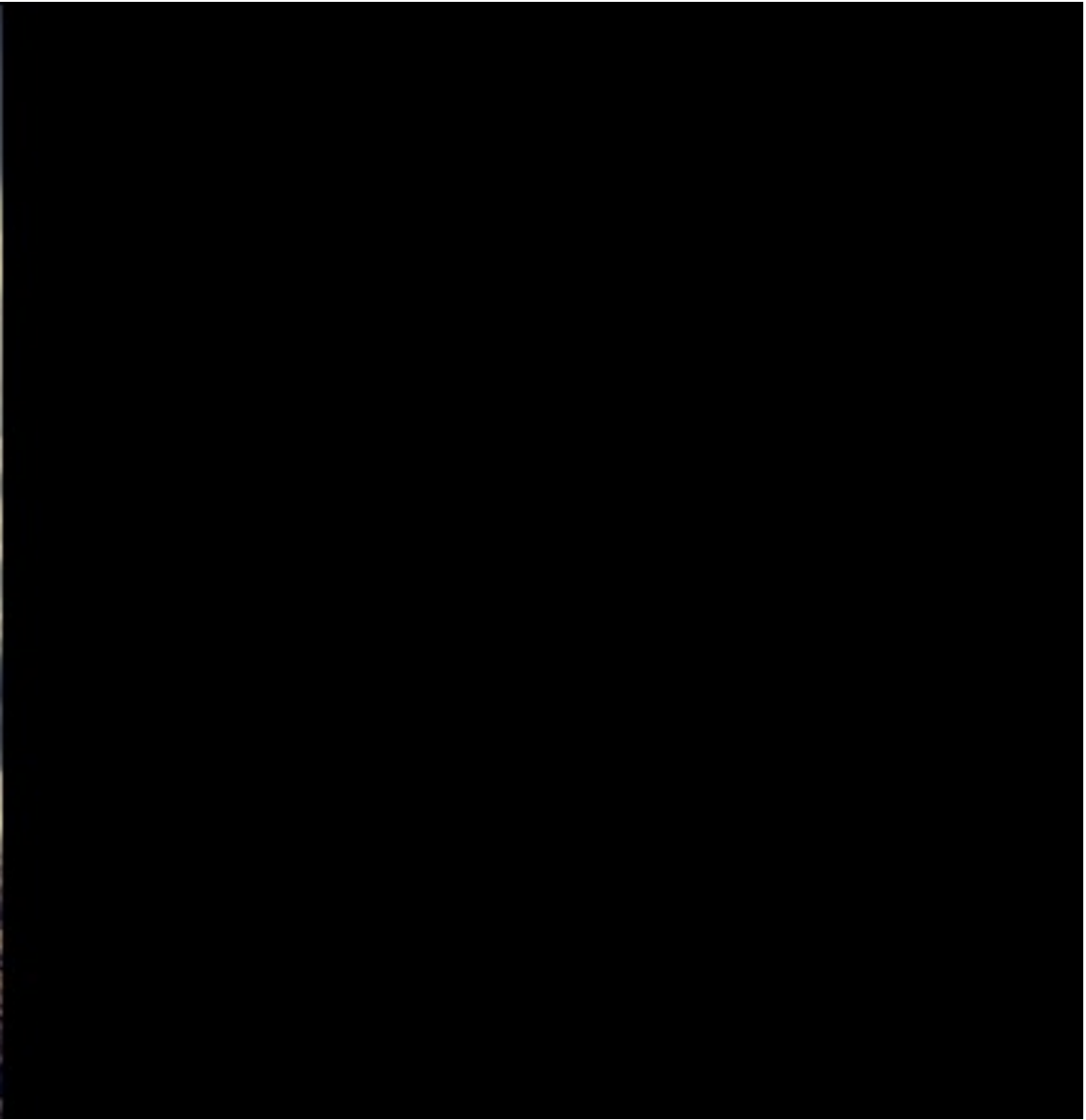
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BALAAM, BEAST & BLESSINGS

NUMBERS 22-24







Numbers 22:6

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... for I know that **he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.**



Numbers 22:7

So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the **fees for divination** in their hand.



Numbers 22:12

God said to Balaam,
“**You shall not go** with them.
You shall not curse the people,
for they are blessed.”



Numbers 22:15

**Once again Balak sent princes,
more in number and more
honorable than these.**



Numbers 22:17

...I will surely do you great honor, and **whatever you say to me I will do**. Come, curse this people for me.



Numbers 22:19

... please stay here tonight,
that I may know **what more**
the LORD will say to me.



Numbers 22:20

And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men have come to call you, rise, go with them; but only do what I tell you."



BALAAM



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Good guy or bad guy?



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Seems good...



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v34- "I have sinned"



BALAAM

BUT...



BALAAM

Motivated by greed



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2 Peter 2:15

They have followed the way of **Balaam**, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing



BALAAM

Motivated by greed

Jude 11

**Woe to them! For they walked
in the way of Cain and
abandoned themselves for the
sake of gain to Balaam's error**



BALAAM

Motivated by greed



BALAAM

Motivated by greed
Resorted to omens



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Numbers 24:1

When Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go, **as at other times, to look for omens**



BALAAM

**Motivated by greed
Resorted to omens**

Deuteronomy 18:10
There shall not be found
among you anyone who
practices divination or tells
fortunes or interprets omens,
or a sorcerer



BALAAM

Motivated by greed
Resorted to omens
Caused Israel to Sin



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Numbers 31:16

Behold, these, **on Balaam's advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD...**



BALAAM

Motivated by greed
Resorted to omens
Caused Israel to Sin

Revelation 2:14

...the **teaching of Balaam**,
who taught Balak to put a
stumbling block before the
sons of Israel...



BALAAM

An Enemy who looks good



BALAAM

Matthew 7:22–23

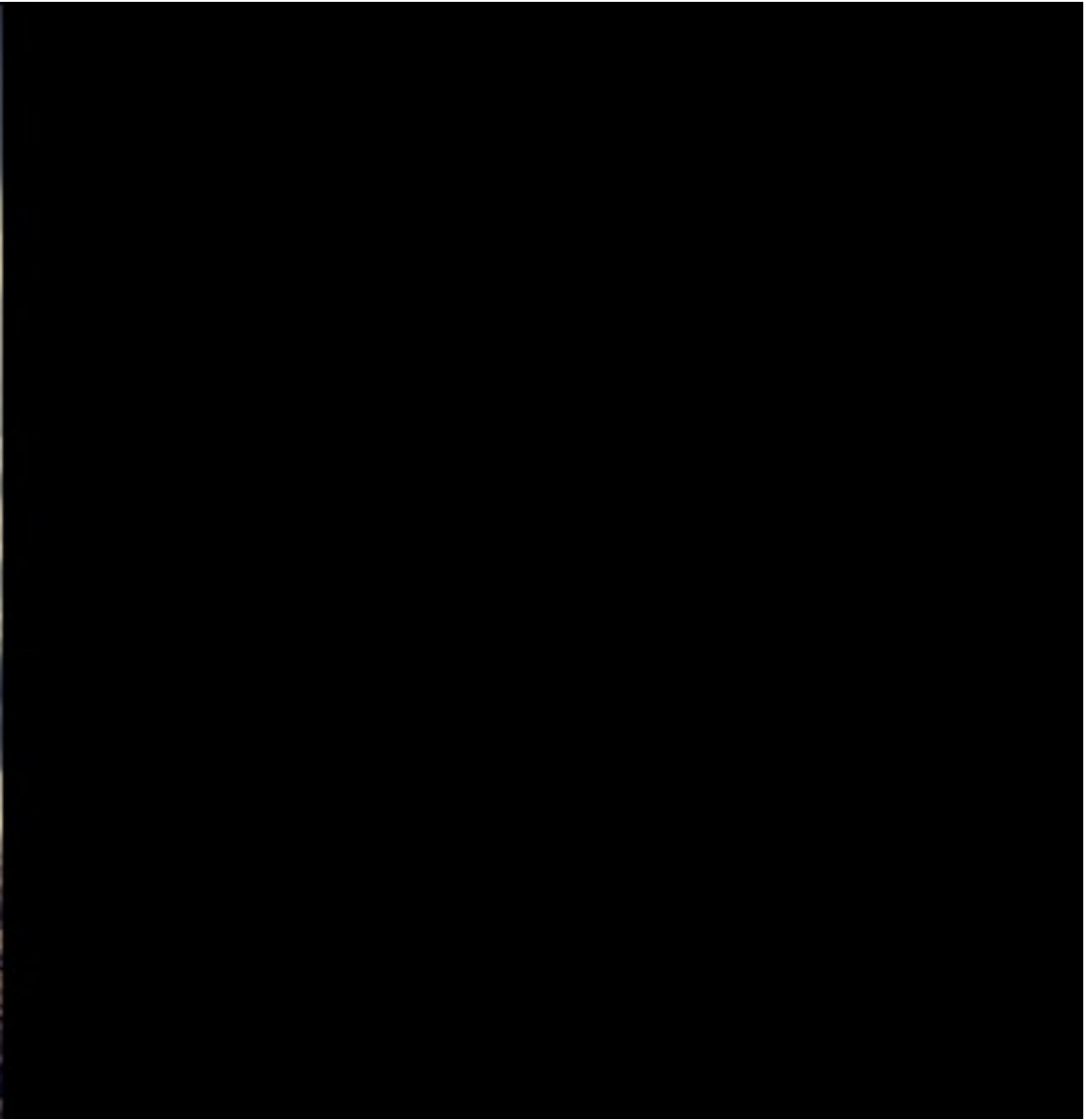
**On that day many will say to me,
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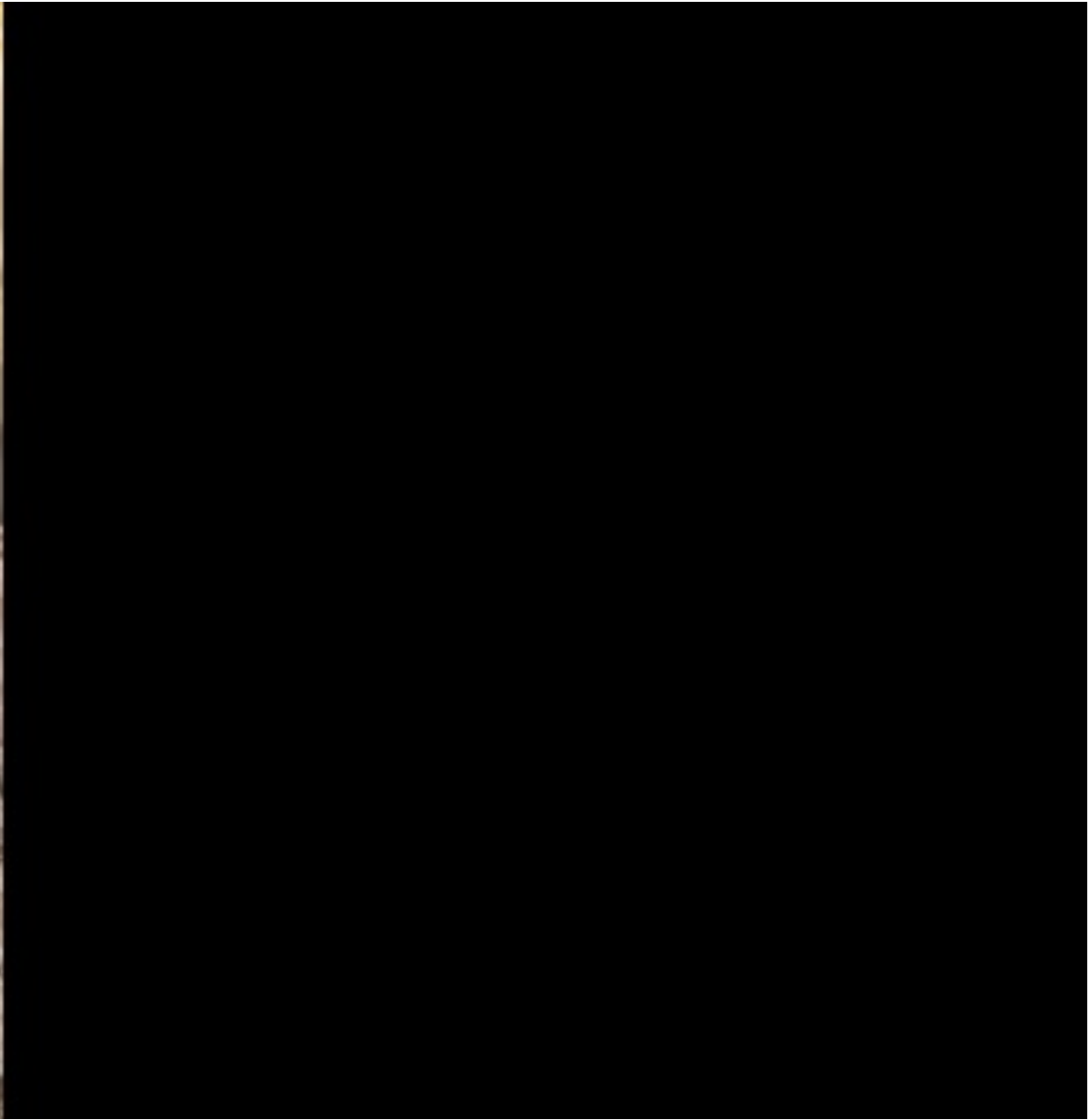


BALAAM

Matthew 7:22–23

On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'







Numbers 22:22
But God's anger was kindled...





Numbers 22:22

... and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as his adversary.



Numbers 22:23

And the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand.



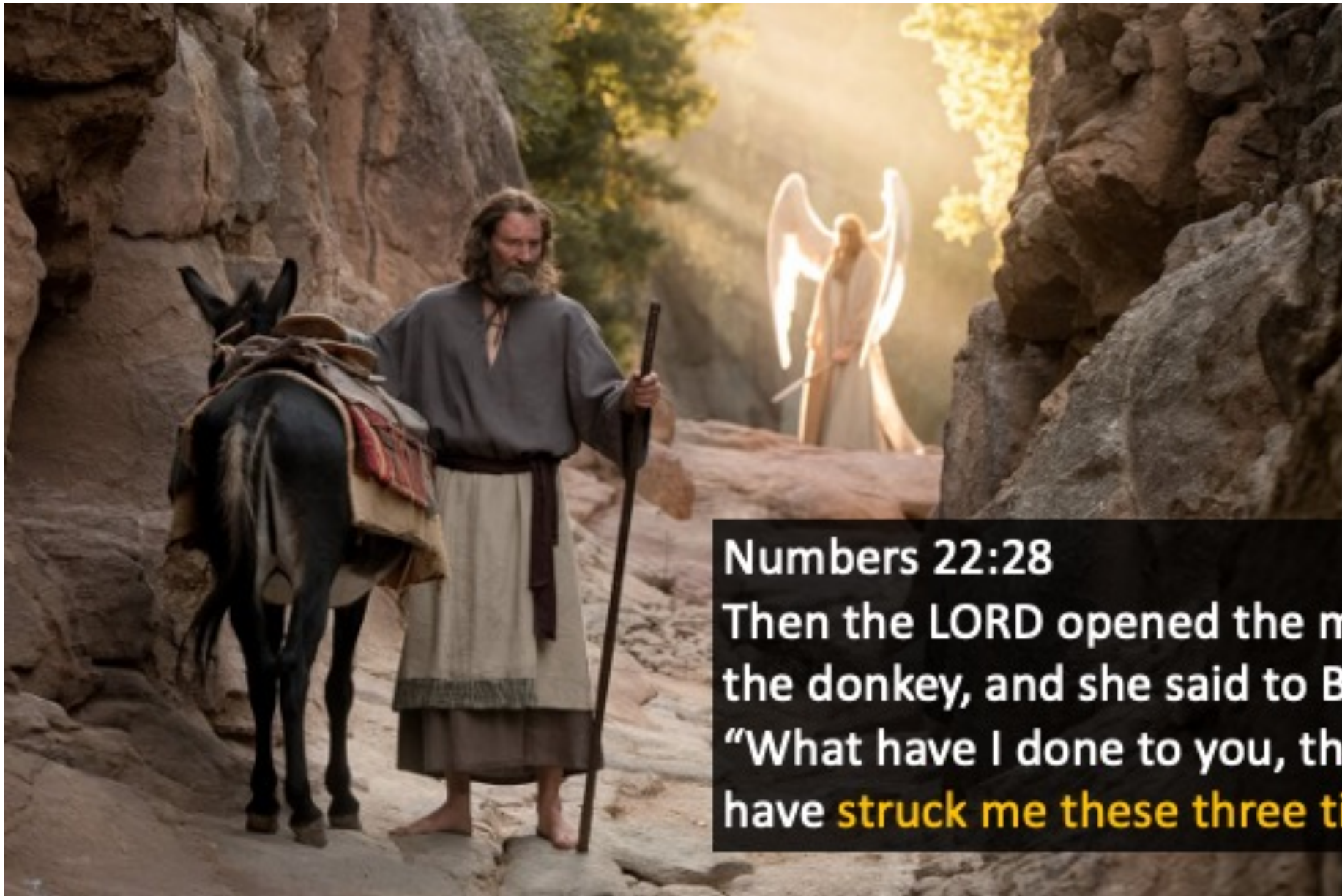
Numbers 22:23

And the **donkey** turned aside out of the road and went into the field.



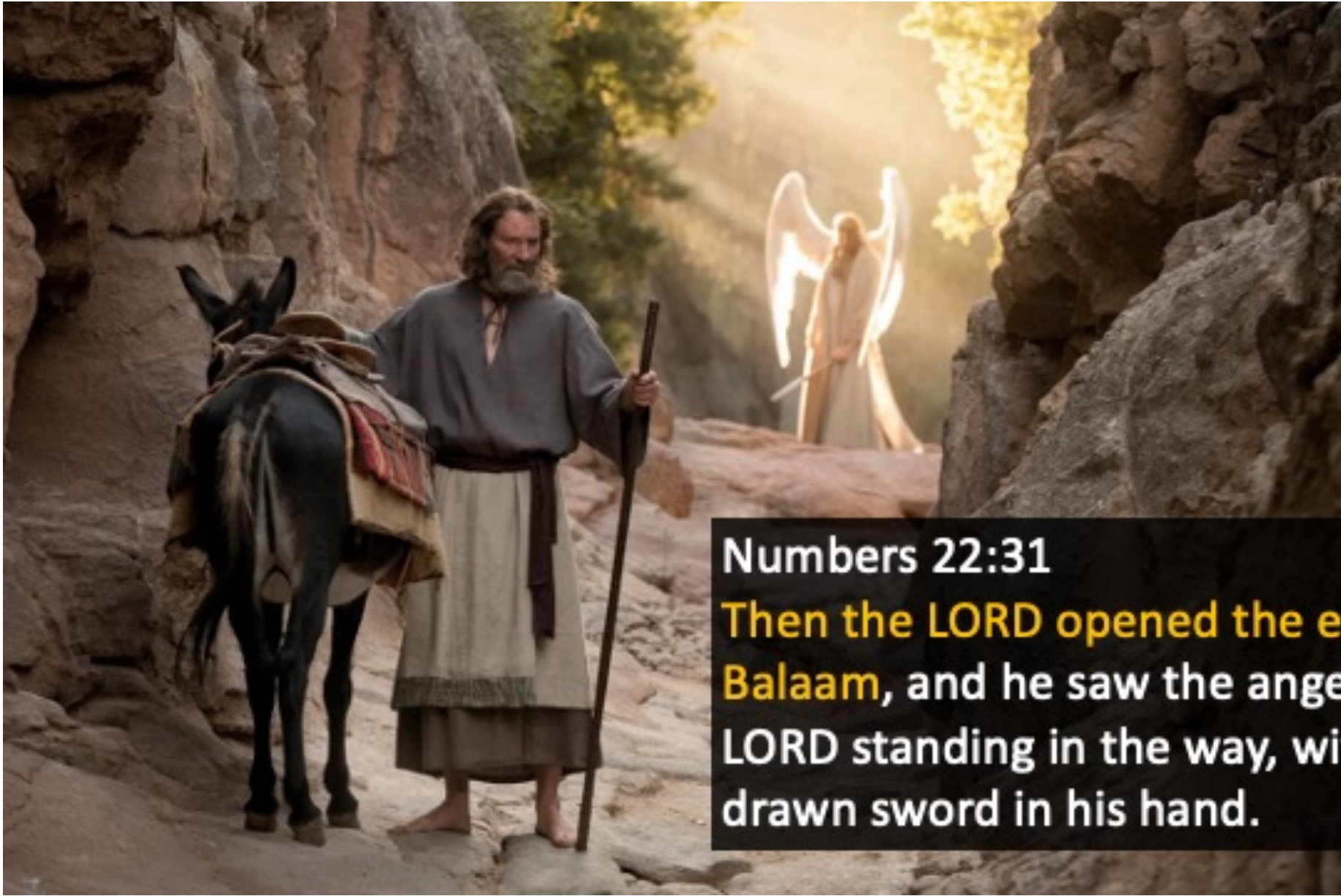
Numbers 22:23
And **Balaam struck the donkey,**
to turn her into the road.





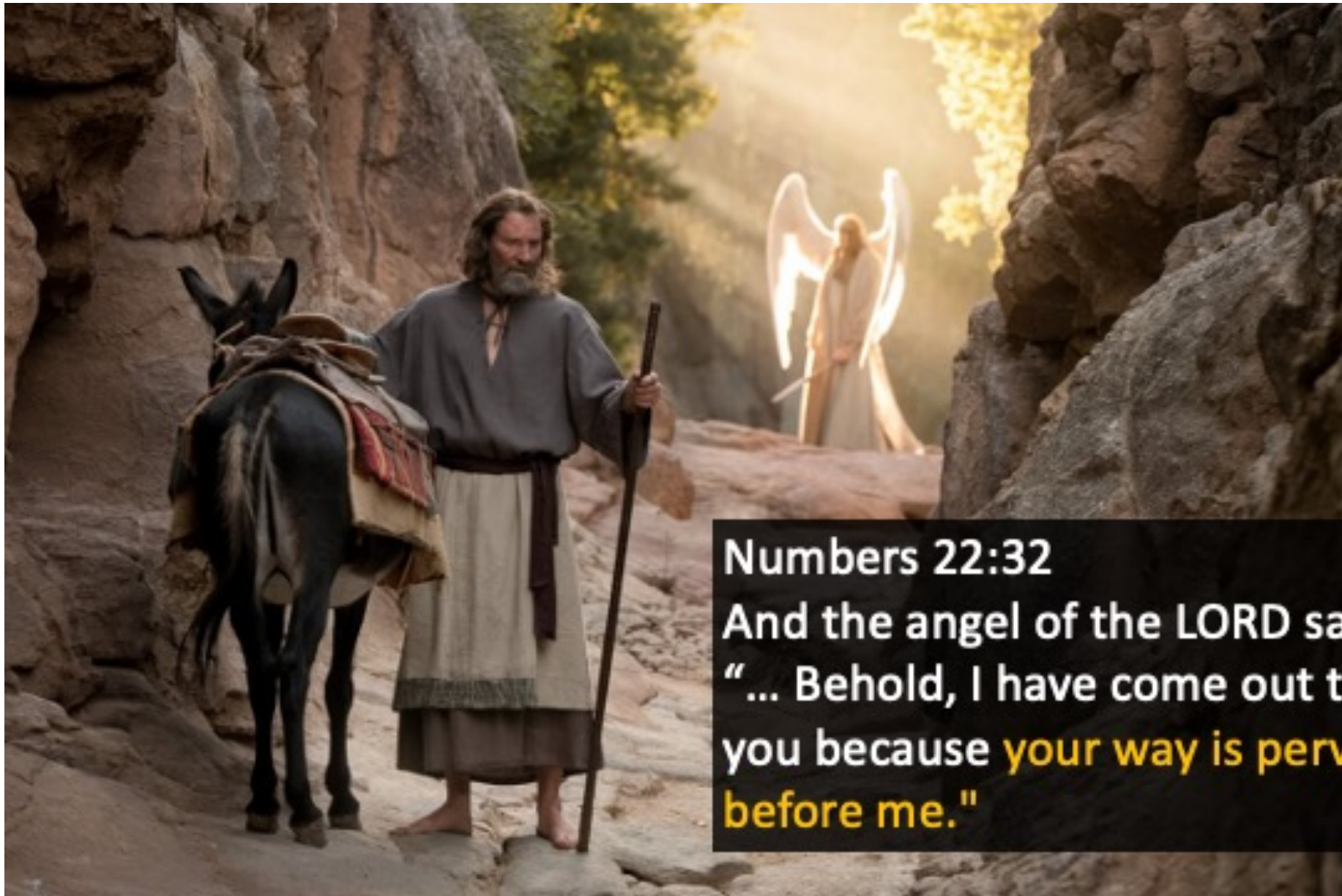
Numbers 22:28

Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have **struck me these three times?"**



Numbers 22:31

Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand.



Numbers 22:32

And the angel of the LORD said to him,
“... Behold, I have come out to oppose
you because **your way is perverse
before me.**”





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Genesis 12:3

**I will bless those who bless you, and
him who dishonors you I will curse**



Deuteronomy 23:4–5

But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam; instead the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the LORD your God loved you.





Numbers 22:41

And in the morning Balak took Balaam and brought him up to Bamoth-baal, and from there he saw a fraction of the people.



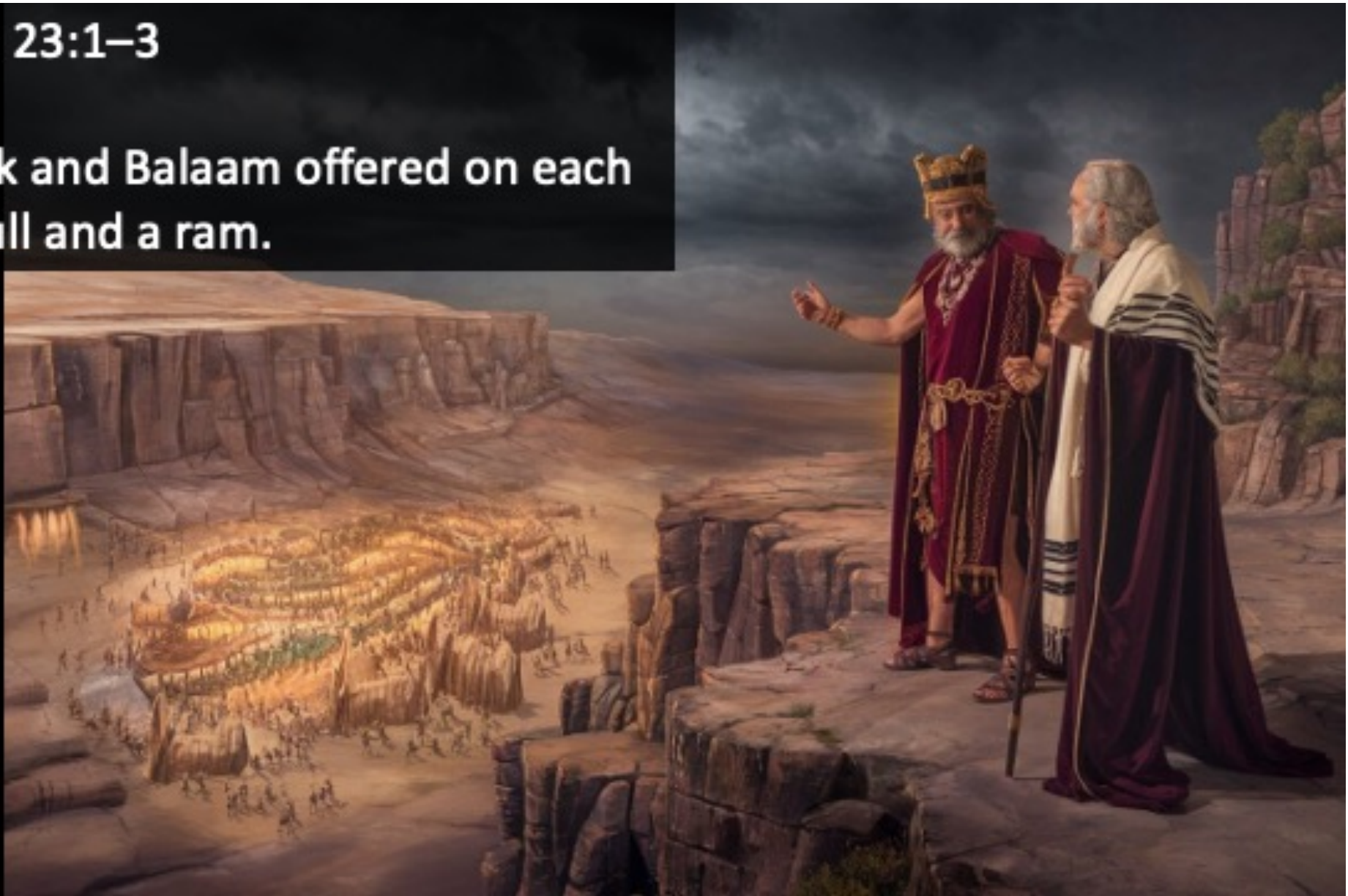
Numbers 23:1–3

And Balaam said to Balak, “Build for me here seven altars, and prepare for me here seven bulls and seven rams.”



Numbers 23:1–3

And Balak and Balaam offered on each altar a bull and a ram.



Numbers 23:1–3

And Balaam said to Balak, “Stand beside your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps the LORD will come to meet me, and whatever he shows me I will tell you.”



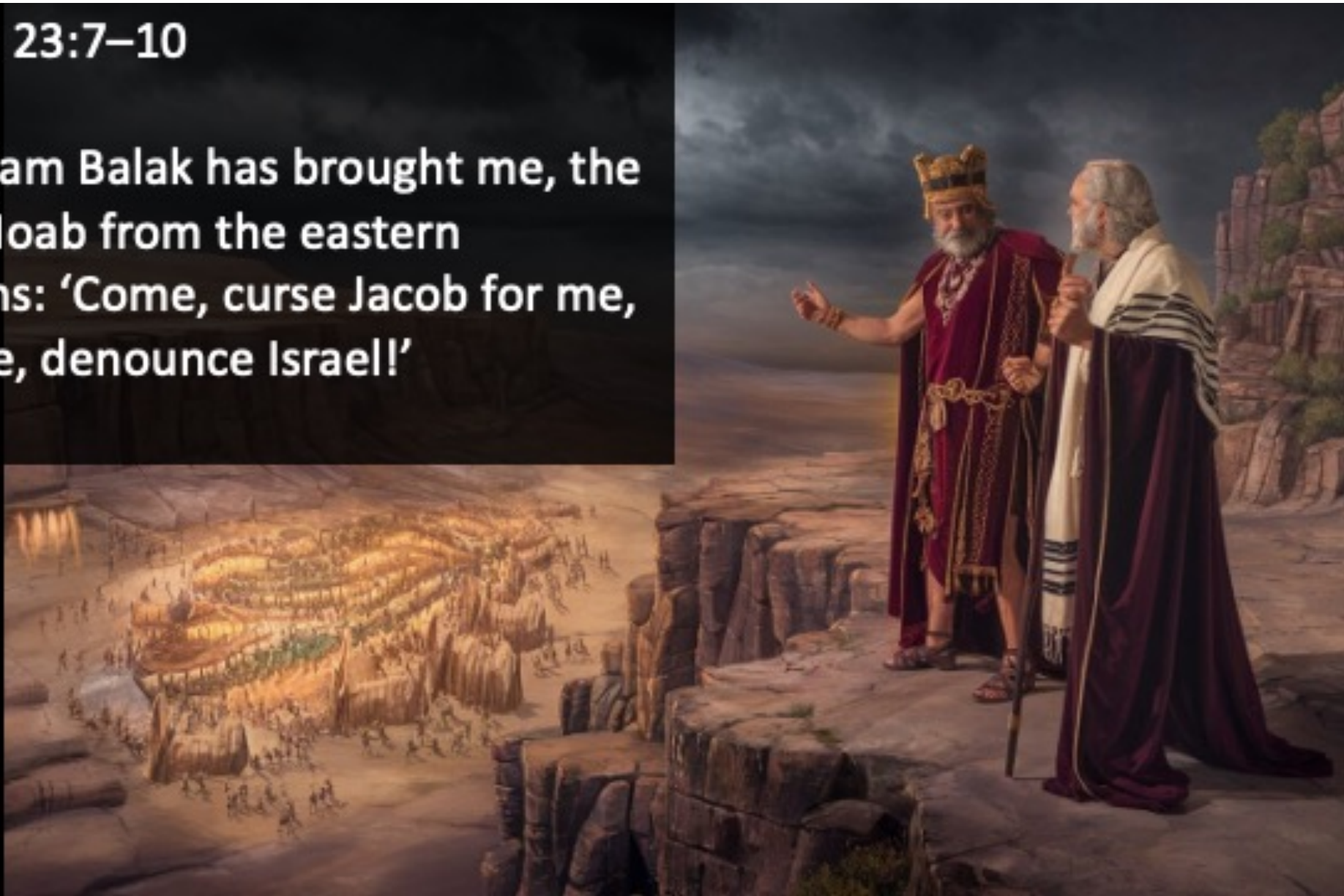
Numbers 23:5

And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."



Numbers 23:7–10

“From Aram Balak has brought me, the king of Moab from the eastern mountains: ‘Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, denounce Israel!’



Numbers 23:7–10

How can I curse whom God has not
cursed? How can I denounce whom the
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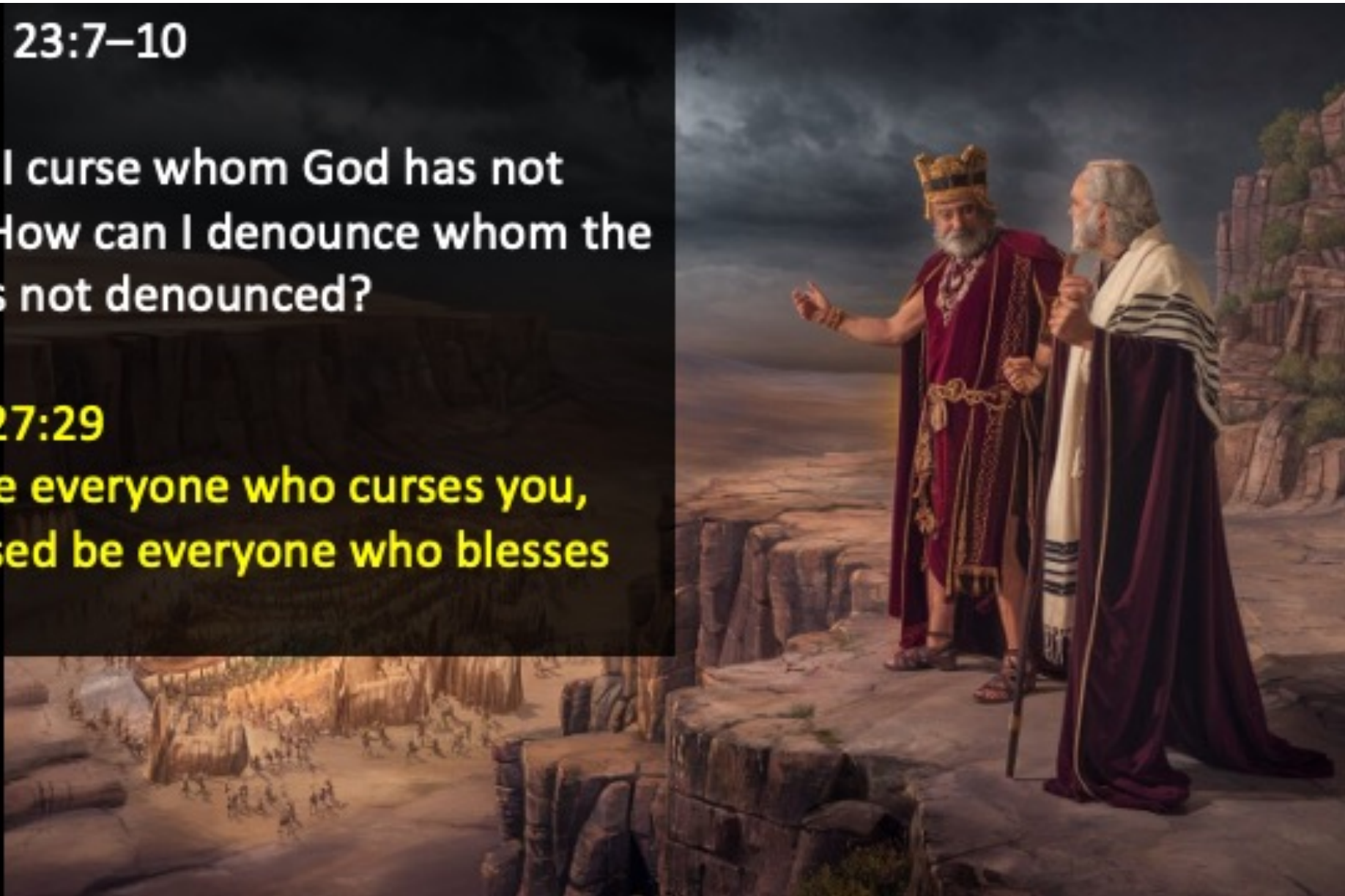


Numbers 23:7–10

**How can I curse whom God has not
cursed? How can I denounce whom the
LORD has not denounced?**

Genesis 27:29

**Cursed be everyone who curses you,
and blessed be everyone who blesses
you!”**



Numbers 23:10

**Who can count the dust of Jacob
or number the fourth part of Israel?**



Numbers 23:10

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or number the fourth part of Israel?

Genesis 13:16

**I will make your offspring as the dust of
the earth**, so that if one can count the
dust of the earth, your offspring also
can be counted.



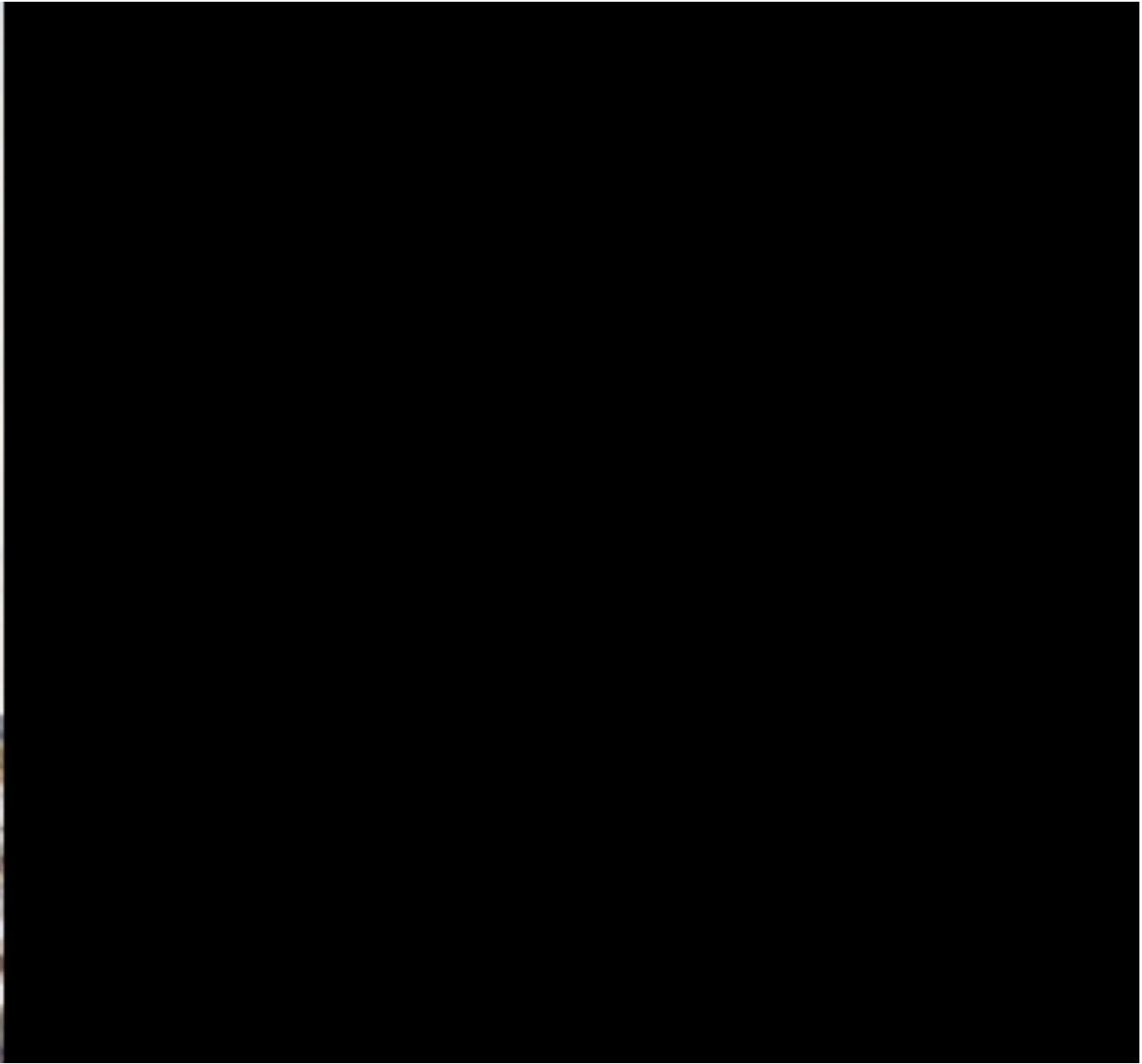


Numbers 23:11

And Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have done nothing but bless them."









Numbers 23:18–19

And Balaam took up his discourse and said,



Numbers 23:18–19

**“Rise, Balak, and hear;
give ear to me, O son of Zippor:**



Numbers 23:18–19

God is not man, that he should lie,
or a son of man,
that he should change his mind.



Numbers 23:18–19

Has he said, and will he not do it?
Or has he spoken,
and will he not fulfill it?



Numbers 23:20–24

Behold, I received a command to bless:
he has blessed, and I cannot revoke it.



Numbers 23:20–24

He has not beheld misfortune in Jacob,
nor has he seen trouble in Israel.



Numbers 23:20–24

The LORD their God is with them,
and the shout of a king is among them.



Numbers 23:20–24

God brings them out of Egypt
and is for them like the horns of the
wild ox.



Numbers 23:20–24

For there is no enchantment against Jacob, no divination against Israel; now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel, 'What has God wrought!'



Numbers 23:20–24

Behold, a people! As a lioness it rises up and as a lion it lifts itself; it does not lie down until it has devoured the prey and drunk the blood of the slain.”



Numbers 23:20–24

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Genesis 49:9

Judah is a lion’s cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?





Numbers 23:25

And Balak said to Balaam,
“Do not curse them at all,
and do not bless them at all.”





Numbers 24:3–4

**and he took up his
discourse and said,**



Numbers 24:3–4

“The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, the oracle of him who hears the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down with his eyes uncovered:



Numbers 24:5–7

**How lovely are your tents,
O Jacob, your
encampments, O Israel!**



Numbers 24:5–7

How lovely are your tents,
O Jacob, your
encampments, O Israel!

Like palm groves that
stretch afar, like gardens
beside a river, like aloes
that the LORD has planted,
like cedar trees beside the
waters.



Numbers 24:5–7

**Water shall flow from his
buckets, and his seed shall
be in many waters;**



Numbers 24:5–7

**his king shall be higher than
Agag, and his kingdom shall
be exalted.**



Numbers 24:8

God brings him out of Egypt



Numbers 24:8

God brings him out of Egypt and is for him like the horns of the wild ox; he shall eat up the nations, his adversaries, and shall break their bones in pieces and pierce them through with his arrows.



Numbers 24:9

**He crouched, he lay down
like a lion and like a lioness;
who will rouse him up?**



Numbers 24:9

**Blessed are those who bless
you, and cursed are those
who curse you.**





Numbers 24:10–11

**And Balak's anger was
kindled against Balaam, and
he struck his hands
together.**



Numbers 24:10–11

And Balak said to Balaam, “I called you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have blessed them these three times.



Numbers 24:10–11

Therefore now flee to your own place. I said, 'I will certainly honor you,' but the LORD has held you back from honor."





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Numbers 24:15

“The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eye is opened, the oracle of him who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the Most High...



Numbers 24:17

I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near:
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Jacob, and a scepter shall
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Genesis 49:10

**The scepter shall not depart
from Judah...**



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Revelation 22:16

“I, **Jesus**, ... am the root and
the descendant of David,
the **bright morning star.**”



Numbers 24:19

**And one from Jacob shall
exercise dominion and
destroy the survivors of
cities!**





BALAAM, BEAST & BLESSINGS

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GOD'S FAITHFUL LOVE



Joshua 24:9–10

Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you,



Joshua 24:9–10

Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you,

but I would not listen to Balaam.

Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand.



Deuteronomy 23:4–5

But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam;



Deuteronomy 23:4–5

But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam;
instead the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing



Deuteronomy 23:4–5

But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam;
instead the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing
for you, **because the LORD your God loved you.**

